

SHREDS AND PATCHES

Mississippi has 114 colored ex-convict pensioners on its pay roll.

By the passage of the separate car law in Virginia, the entire territory of States south of Washington compels the races to be separated.

A white man of Spencer, Va., has turned black. It is too bad that Ben Tillman can't get within infection range of this same disease.

Albert Franklin, a St. Paul colored elevator man has stirred the press of the Northwest by eloping with Miss Butts, a pretty and respectable white girl.

Thirty years ago the Negroes of this country owned nothing, not even themselves; they now own property aggregating in the neighborhood of \$940,000,000.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Mississippi, giving to the families of mob violence, \$300, and depriving the official of office who surrenders a prisoner to a mob.

The birth place of John Brown, in Torrington, Conn., now occupied by a poor Afro-American family, is to be bought by a society organized for the purpose of restoring it as a historical relic.

At the annual oratorical contest of the literary societies held in Westerville, O., recently, Joseph Hannibal Caulker, native of Africa, took first place. His subject was, "Our Relation to the Dark Continent."

Mr. S. P. Mitchell, chairman, has called a National Industrial Evangelic Conference to meet at Midway, Ky., August, 1900. It is hoped by this method to benefit the citizen of color. W. C. Patton, M. D., is secretary.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar who has been residing in Denver this winter, accompanied by his wife and mother has returned to the East very much improved in health. Mr. Dunbar is writing a novel based upon a phase of the Negro problem.

Among the illustrious men whose habitat is Dallas, Texas are: George Washington at the City Hall, salary \$25 per month; William McKinley is being rocked in a cradle at Janitor Brown's residence, and Horace Greeley is waiting table at the St. George.

The matter of finding employment for competent servants from the South in good families in the North is one which for some time has been given special attention by the Loyal Legion of Labor organization, the headquarters of which are at Springfield, Ohio.

A bill has been introduced in congress to appropriate the sum of eight dollars per month to the widow of the murdered postmaster Baker of Lake City, S. C. This is a small amount to offer a widow with several small children whose main support was murdered in the service of his country.

Occasionally some Afro-American bobs up with a new invention of practical utility. The latest is a bake-oven by Solomon M. Raines, an inventive genius of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, which is being largely adapted in bakeries and hotels throughout the country. He had previously invented and patented a water motor which is being used extensively.

A great Interstate Conference, for the study of race problems in relation to the welfare of the South, is to be assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, May 8, 9, 10, 1900, at which the leaders of Southern opinion will discuss the following among other questions: Negro franchise, education, lynching, permanence of the Negro as a factor in the South, criminology, etc.

Letters from Japan speak in high praise of the good conduct and soldierly bearing of the Forty-Eighth United States Infantry, which landed at Yokohama on its way to the Philippines. Yokohama has seen much of the white American soldier during the last two years, and always with approval. The Forty Eighth was the first colored regiment to visit that city and there seems to have been some local surprise that Negroes could be so well drilled.

The Ross Mehan Foundry and Machine Company at Chattanooga, Tenn., began work last month with exclusively Negro moulders, fifty in number. White foundrymen say that the Negro has been found especially adapted to all coarser and rougher grades of molding and some of them have become quite expert. They have been found to be reliable and industrious in their positions and Negro moulders are being employed in many shops.

Mr. Dempsey Butler, of Camden, New Jersey, who died recently, was said to be the wealthiest Negro in that State. He was worth over one-half a million dollars. He left several charitable bequests, among them a large lot 28x66 and \$3,000 in cash were left to Rising Sun Lodge of colored Masons to build a Masonic home; \$200 to the West Jersey Orphanage for colored children; \$500 to the Old Folks' Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, Philadelphia; for Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, \$500; and a cemetery for the burial of the colored poor of Camden.

Negroes Getting Out of Georgia.

A large number of thrifty farmers among our people are leaving the state bound for various places. They are determined to do this on account of the lawless element in the state and the manner in which a large number of them have been dealt with; not only inhumanly but much advantage has been taken of them in business transactions which they have been powerless to resent. —Savannah Tribune.

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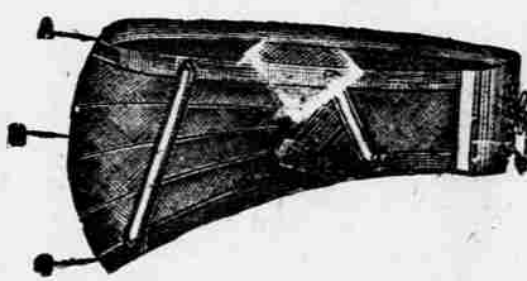
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